The Eleventh Finance Commission which would recommend on the devolution of resources for five years commencing from 1st April, 2000, will be dealing with the mandatory subject of making recommendations for the Panchayats based on the recommendations of the State Finance Commissions.

Statement

Rupees in Crores

States/UT	Releases	
	1996-97	1997-98
Andhra Pradesh	87.75	65.81
Arunachal Pradesh	1.12	0.28
Assam	33.34	8.34
Bihar	126.80	Nil
Goa	1.47	0.37
Gujarat	48.01	12.00
Haryana	20.66	5.17
Himachal Pradesh	8.04	8.05
Jammu and Kashmir	9.39	2.35
Karnataica	55.45	13.86
Kerala	44.71	44.70
Madhya Pradesh	87.17	21.79
Maharashtra	86.76	86.75
Manipur	2.32	0.58
Meghalaya	2.16	0.54
Mizoram	0.73	0.19
Nagaland	1.17	0.29
Orissa	50.24	25.12
Punjab	25.83	6.46
Rajasthan	53.06	39.78
Sikkim	0.47	0.12
Tamil Nadu	71.84	71.83
Tripura	3.49	3.48
Uttar Pradesh	189.88	192.41
West Bengal	83.37	20.84

Safe drinking water in rural areas

3954. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages in the country which are yet to be provided with potable water facility;

(b) the average annual coverage of villages for providing safe drinking water;

(c) the names of the States which have shown unsatisfactory performance in rural water supply stating the annual coverage of the villages as against the target; and

(d) the strategy, if any, formulated by Government for speedier implementation of the rural water supply programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the States as on 1.4.98 there were 63408 habitations still to be covered with safe drinking water facilities. On an average around one lakh habitations were covered with drinking water facilities during last two years.

(c) Fifteen States could not achieve the annual target set for them during 1997-98 as indicated in the enclosed statement. *(see below)*

(d) States have to implement the Action Plan prepared by them for coverage of all habitations with drinking water facilities during Ninth Plan period.

Statement

S.N.	Name of the State/UT	Coverage of Habitations 1997-98	
		Target	Covered
1	Andhra Pradesh	3197	2897
2	Arunachal Pradesh	334	318
3	Bihar	16467	11371
4	Goa	36	18
5	Gujarat	1500	1398
6	Haryana	810	650
7	Jammu & Kashmir	1667	500
8	Kerala	1226	530
9	Manipur	576	338
10	Meghalaya	523	482
11	Nagaland	70	24
12	Orissa	8000	7350
13	Punjab	353	268
14	Sikkim	126	121
15	Tripura	2067	442